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### ROADBUILDING PROGRAM

THAT part of Governor Boyle's address dealing with road building in Nevada contains some very sensible suggestions that call for the grave reflection of the lawmakers now in session. The governor confesses that he is an ardent advocate of good roads, but he points out the fact that without some tangible and correlated movement by which the work can be carried on in sequence there is no use in appropriating public moneys which future generations will have to repay with compound interest. He asks the legislature to weigh the subject carefully with the idea of formulating a plan by which the state can secure the benefit of the government allowance without plunging the people into bankruptcy. Road building is a mania at this stage of the game. Other states have gone deep into their treasuries for the purpose of facilitating intrastate communication only to discover after expending millions that the road work will have to be done all over again. This arises from errors of judgment based on unreliable data and the realization that even the best made macadam or oiled roadways are not capable of resisting the wearing process of automobile traffic or the disintegrating influence of heavy motor trucks. The eastern states, with their congested population, were among the first to arrive at an appreciation of the uselessness of building roads on the principles that governed them in providing for wagon and carriage traffic. Some of these states are now rehabilitating their road policies to establish permanent driveways with substantial foundation, faced with cement, that presents the least resistance and therefore is more likely to be more durable than any combination of asphalt, broken rock or oiled surfaces that are torn out by the swiftly revolving wheels of automobiles.

The section of the governor's address that should receive the closest attention furnishes an opening for the construction of such permanent drives as that suggested by the promoters of the proposed boulevard on the west bank of Walker lake. The message reads as follows:

"It is my hope, therefore, that you will give unusual care to the adoption of your highway program. The limited funds at our disposal make it imperative that roadbuilding at state expense cannot be conducted or any but the most useful and permanent highways and that no costly experiment with untrained supervision can be tolerated. A highway engineer of training and experience will be a prime requisite to any system which you may adopt, and I believe that any such measure as you may pass here should prescribe the qualifications of the engineer and require the approval of his appointment by the director of the federal department of public roads and rural engineering."

### THAT STATE BANK RECEIVERSHIP

IN treating of the "needed and scientific revision of our statistical and financial records," Governor Boyle fails to make a recommendation of that ulcer on the financial record of the state that has been perpetuated for the past ten years, apparently with the sole object of retaining in a life sinecure Mr. Frank Wildes, whose administration of the affairs of the defunct State Bank and Trust company that formerly operated in Tonopah, Goldfield, Carson City, called for the severest strictures from an investigating committee during the closing hours of a previous session of the legislature. The only result was to obtain an appropriation of \$5000 for the use of the attorney general with broad instructions that the money should be used in bringing justice to the depositors who have waited patiently for some redress from either the state or the courts. The latter has manifested a disposition at all times to condone the delays of the receiver in winding up the estate and the attorney general has, so far as the victims of this wildest banking know, done nothing to secure reparation for the gross injustice done them. The receivership is on a basis that affords a neat income to one man, who has held office ever since the doors of the banks closed in the face of their angry dupes, and that is all. The present legislature cannot do better than stir up the whole dirty mess. The rottenness of the putrid mass will smell aloud to heaven and induce a vomit that may bring relief to the repressed feelings of the men and women of the southern country who lost their all in the wrecking of the series of banks that should never have been permitted to continue in business. The "Public Be Damned" attitude of the receiver and his sponsors in any other state would bring about such a revulsion of sentiment that every man connected with the rascally scheme for plundering the people would be committed everlastingly to the deepest depths of perdition. Years of forbearance have calloused the public mind, hundreds of depositors have gone to other states and countries, scores have been consigned to untimely graves and broken hearts, bleeding with the losses of life savings, have been shouldered into the unknown where there is nothing to worry about and where receivers never enter. Nevertheless the state has a duty to perform and it is not too late to demand what became of the recommendations of the special committee of the former legislature. The biennial report of the attorney general dealing with this subject should furnish interesting reading and its appearance will be awaited with consuming interest.

### GIVE THE COWBOYS A SHOW

HERE is a problem in preparedness that carries its own lesson: If two cowboys manage to kill six Mexican bandits, how many guerrillas should 300,000 American soldiers kill in the course of nine months? The army has been on the border long enough to wear out the patience and forbearance of the members without any return in the way of concrete facts. The direct action of the cowboys shows what can be done by the average American were he not hampered by the ridiculous attitude adopted by the administration at Washington with its punitive expeditions and protocols that have nothing to show for the \$100,000,000 expended for the diversion. The mobilization of the army and the reserve force of national guards has produced nothing more than the maintenance of numerous training camps wherein the men were deprived of their freedom and at immense personal loss forced to do military duty while essaying the role of pacifists. Having halted the punitive expedition at a time when results were about to be achieved the administration is now worrying over the greater problem of how to let go without incurring the displeasure of the roving bands of Villa bandits hovering on the flanks of Gen. Pershing's force, waiting for the withdrawal that they may wreak their vengeance on those who showed a friendly disposition towards the invaders. Carranza has washed

his hands of the entire affair with the unctuous announcement that the gringo soldiers are there of their own volition and without his consent and therefore he is under no moral obligation to assist in the retirement. In other words, he has told President Wilson that the trouble is of his own making and that, since he made his bed of thorns, the only way out of the dilemma is to occupy the nettled couch as long as he wants and take the consequences. The Bonanza would gently suggest that the administration could do worse than turn the whole miserable fiasco over to the buckaroos on the border and leave them to solve the issues in the same way that the cowboys of the Aravaa Cattle company did when confronted with a band of thieves.

Germany may be bottled up to the extent of restricting the operations of her majestic fleet, but the navy of that nation is rendering a grand account of itself both undersea and above water. The resourcefulness of the Teutonic race is proven again in the reports emanating from the South Atlantic, where a raider has levied heavy tribute on the allied enemies of the Fatherland. The submarine scourge continues in a most acute form, until it is admitted in both France and England that both countries are in imminent peril of a bread famine.

## ENTENTE ALLIES SAY GERMANY STANDS FOR FOSTERING BARBARISM IN ORIENT

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The entente allies, in a note addressed by Arthur Balfour, British foreign minister, to Ambassador Spring Rice, and delivered to the state department, amplify their reply to President Wilson's peace note by explaining in detail why they believe it impossible at present to attain a peace which will assure them such guarantees as they consider essential. The note also explains why the allies demand the expulsion of Turkey from Europe, restoration of Alsace-Lorraine to France, of Italia Irredenta to Italy, and the other territorial changes set forth.

Those who think the future peace of the world may be insured by international treaties and international laws, the note says, have ill-learned the lesson taught by recent history. After charging that German influence in Turkey had resulted in conditions as barbarous and more aggressive than were known under Sultan Abdul Hamid, and that it had been shown Germany cannot be expected to respect treaty obligations, Mr. Balfour says:

"So long as Germany remains the Germany which without a shadow of justification overran and barbarously ill-treated a country it was pledged to defend, no state can defend its rights if they have no better protection than a solemn treaty."

Asserting that Belgium was not Germany's only victim, the note recites the reign of terror attendant upon Germany's method of warfare, and adds:

"The war staffs of the central powers are well content to horrify the world if at the same time they can terrorize it."

The people of Great Britain, Mr. Balfour says, share President Wilson's desire for peace, but does not believe it can be durable unless based on the success of the allied

cause. Such a peace, it is argued, cannot be expected unless three conditions are fulfilled:

Existing causes of international unrest shall be as far as possible removed or weakened; the aggressive aims of the unscrupulous methods of the central powers should fall into disrepute among their own peoples; and, finally, that behind international law and behind all treaty arrangements for preventing or limiting hostilities some form of international sanction should be devised which would give pause to the hardest aggressor.

It is recognized that these conditions may be difficult of fulfillment, but the belief is expressed that they are in general harmony with President Wilson's ideas. The note declares confidence that so far as Europe is concerned none of the conditions can be satisfied, even imperfectly, unless peace is secured on the general lines indicated by the allies' joint note.

Great Britain's note was entirely unexpected to officials here, but was gratifying because they interpreted it as a step toward the world federation to preserve peace which President Wilson, both in his speeches and in his peace note, has pledged the United States.

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A side issue of more than usual interest in the Vanderbilt Cup Race, Santa Monica, Cal., Nov. 18th, was the battle of The Tires. Both Goodrich and Goodyear were out to win, and much emphasis was placed upon the standing of the contestants in the championship table. While Aitken in the early stages of the race was leading, it looked very much as if Goodyear would score; but Resta, who was the backbone of the Goodrich offense, soon made his presence felt, and when he assumed the lead there was much animation apparent in the Goodrich camp. Later, when it developed that the four leading cars were equipped with Goodrich Tires, telegrams were flashed to every section of the country announcing the victory, which again placed the Goodrich in the van for 1916 championship honor. Every car that finished carried Bosch equipment, the majority of them having Bosch spark plugs in addition to magnitos of the same make.

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